

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-10 are all the claims pending in the application.

**Claim Objection**

Claim 1 is objected to because of informalities. Applicant hereby amends claim 1 to obviate the Examiner's objection.

**Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112**

Claims 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Applicant has amended these claims in the manner suggested by the Examiner.

**Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Rejection**

Claims 1-10 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-10 of co-pending Application No. 10/508,794 in view of DeVito (6,254,536).

Because the issue fee has not been paid in co-pending application No. 10/508,794, the co-pending application is now abandoned. In view of this abandonment, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to allow the present application.

**Conclusion**

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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